(b) whether due to this the river would be filled with silt due to decrease in flow of Brahmaputra river in India;

(c) the Government's action in this regard;

(d) whether China has completed the road linking Lhasa to Medog under the first phase of 40,000 MW electricity generation project in Madak area of Tibet which is just 30 KM from Arunachal Pradesh border and keeping this is view whether there is chance of encroachment in Arunachal Pradesh by China; and

(e) if so, Government policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR) : (a) to (c) Government has seen media reports that China proposes to divert the Brahmaputra river. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has denied such reports. Government is regularly monitoring the flows in the Brahmaputra river. India and China have established an expert-level mechanism to discuss interaction and cooperation on all issues regarding trans-border rivers. The India-China Expert Level Mechanism on Trans Border Rivers had held three meetings in September 2007, April 2008, and April 2009. Government takes up all issues relating to Brahmaputra river, with the Chinese side through this Expert Level Mechanism.

(d) and (e) China has constructed a road linking Lhasa to Medog country in the Tibet Autonomous Region. Government is giving careful and special attention to the development of infrastructure in the border areas opposite China, in order to meet our security requirements and also to facilitate the economic development of these areas.

Posts available in foreign missions

3552. SHRI AVTAR SINGH KARIMPURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any posts of Second Secretary (Punjabi) and Cultural Attache (Punjabi) exits in our foreign mission abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Goverment proposes to create the said posts in foreign mission, in view of the ever-increasing punjabi diaspora in foreign countries;

(d) if so, by when these would be created; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Missions and Posts are mandated to provide services to all persons of Indian origin.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.